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structures of the group into one general survey, and especially the layers of the testa. He reiterates the belief that in the structures referred to *Cycadeoidea* most resembles *Lagenostoma*, and of course it is to be included, on account of its generally ancient features, in the general category of seeds of paleozoic type.—J. M. C.

Flora of Kansas.—Mr. and Mrs. Smyth have begun the publication of a catalogue of the flora of Kansas,<sup>57</sup> the first part issued containing the mosses and ferns. The large groups are described both taxonomically and morphologically, and the families, genera, and species listed, the habitats and stations also being indicated. The classification is unconventional. It is interesting to note that the display of these groups in Kansas, on the basis of the number of species, is as follows: liverworts 25, mosses 107, pteridophytes 33.—J. M. C.

Mitosis in cereals.—Nakao<sup>58</sup> presents the results of his study of mitosis in the pollen mother cells of four cereals: *Triticum vulgare*, *Hordeum distichon*, *Secale cereale*, and the hybrid between *T. vulgare* and *S. cereale*. The number of chromosomes is 8 in wheat and rye, and 7 in barley. The appearance of abnormal features in the development of the pollen mother cell was a common tendency, as well as a tendency to degenerate at various stages.—S. Yamanouchi.

Calcareous and siliceous vegetation.—Bouget<sup>59</sup> concludes from a study of calcareous and siliceous floras in the Pyrenees that the plants of calcareous soil are more responsive to seasonal differences than are those of siliceous soil. Calcareous soils also are richer in species than are siliceous soils, and they show at a given altitude a greater mixture of plants whose chief distributional areas are higher and lower.—H. C. Cowles.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> SMYTH, BERNARD B., and LUMINA C. RIDDLE, Catalogue of the flora of Kansas. Part I. Mosses and ferns. Trans. Kan. Acad. Sci. 23:273-295. 1911. Also issued with index and separate pagination.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> NAKAO, M., Cytological studies on the nuclear division of the pollen mother cells of some cereals and their hybrids. Jour. Coll. Agric. Sapporo (Japan) 4:173–190. pls. 10–13. 1911.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> BOUGET, J., Note sur la végétation de la bande septentrionale des terrains secondaires dans les Pyrénées. Rev. Gén. Bot. 22:213-221. 1910.